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FROST AND FRUIT GROWING.

(Continued).
In a recent number of the *Illustrated London News* is a full-page picture, by Cyrus Conner, of American fruit growers in Grand Valley, Colorado, working to save their crop, worth \$3,000,000 dollars, from the frost.

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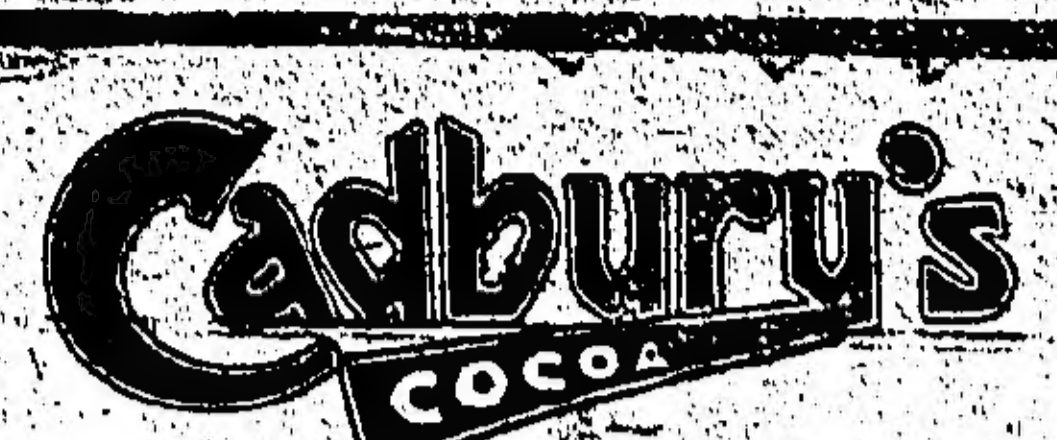
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Corried, Ham Ngau Yuk	20
Roast—Shia	20
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Soup—Tong Yuk	15
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Auton Ngau Lam Shick	5
Sauages—Ngau Chanag	24
Bullock's Brain—Slow	40
Tongue—Naga Lam	50
Corried—Ham Ngau Pa	60
Head—Ngau Tan	80
Heart—Ngau Sun	13
Stomach—Ngau Sun	18
Kidney—Ngau Sun	10
Liver—Ngau Sun	12
Tripe—Ngau Sun	10
Head & Feet—Ngau Sun	10
Mutton Chop—Young Fat	20
Leg—Young Fat	20
Shoulder—Young Fat	20
Chitlings—Chit chong	20
Brain—Chit chong	20
Foot—Chit chong	20
Fry—Chit chong	20
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Heart—Ngau Sun	13
Stomach—Ngau Sun	18
Kidney—Ngau Sun	10
Liver—Ngau Sun	12
Tripe—Ngau Sun	10
Head & Feet—Ngau Sun	10
Mutton Chop—Young Fat	20
Leg—Young Fat	20
Shoulder—Young Fat	20
Chitlings—Chit chong	20
Brain—Chit chong	20
Foot—Chit chong	20
Fry—Chit chong	20
Head—Chit chong	20
Heart—Chit chong	20
Kidney—Chit chong	20
Liver—Chit chong	20
Chop—Chit chong	20
Corried—Ham Ngau Yuk	20
Leg—Chit chong	20
Head & Feet—Young Fat	20
Heart—Young Fat	20
Kidney—Young Fat	20
Liver—Young Fat	20

Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Chai	30
Capon, Large, Small—Sin Kai	25
Duck—Kai	20
Doves—Pai Koo	20
Eggs—Kai Tan	20
Fowls, Canton—Kai	20
Geese—Kai	20
Goose, Wild—Kai	20
Hen—Kai	20
Partridge—Kai	20
Pheasant—Kai	20
Quail—Kai	20
Rice Birds—Kai	20
Snipe—Kai	20
Turkey—Kai	20
Wild Duck—Kai	20
Teal—Kai	20
Wild Duck—Kai	20

Fish.

Sardine—Kai	20
Bream—Kai	20
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Kai	20
Crab—Kai	20
Codfish—Kai	20
Goatfish—Kai	20
Grass—Kai	20
Halibut—Kai	20
Shad—Kai	20
Shrimp—Kai	20
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Seafood.

Shrimp—Kai	20
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Fruits.

Apples—Kai	20
Bananas—Kai	20
Oranges—Kai	20
Pears—Kai	20
Plums—Kai	20
Quinces—Kai	20
Raspberries—Kai	20
Strawberries—Kai	20
Blackberries—Kai	20
Blueberries—Kai	20

Vegetables.

Cauliflower—Kai	20
Cabbage—Kai	20
Brussels Sprouts—Kai	20
Carrots—Kai	20
Onions—Kai	20
Potatoes—Kai	20
Peas—Kai	20
Beans—Kai	20
Lentils—Kai	20
Spinach—Kai	20

Herbs.

Garlic—Kai	20
Onion—Kai	20
Pepper—Kai	20
Tea—Kai	20
Coffee—Kai	20
Sugar—Kai	20
Spices—Kai	20
Herbs—Kai	20
Flowers—Kai	20
Seeds—Kai	20

Grains.

Rice—Kai	20
Wheat—Kai	20
Oats—Kai	20
Barley—Kai	20
Millet—Kai	20
Sorghum—Kai	20
Buckwheat—Kai	20
Rye—Kai	20
Flour—Kai	20
Starch—Kai	20

Legumes.

Beans—Kai	20
Lentils—Kai	20
Peas—Kai	20
Chickpeas—Kai	20
Soybeans—Kai	20
Pulses—Kai	20
Grains—Kai	20
Seeds—Kai	20
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Herbs—Kai	20

Spices.

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MICHAEL DE TUNELMANN.—On the 27th
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Captain-Superintendent of Police, Kulan-
ga, Amoy, to MAUD AGATHA, widow of the
late E. W. de Tuncelmann, Surgeon, R.N.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance of the Merry-makers
at the Theatre Royal.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, December 7:—
11 a.m.—Auction of English Jewellery,
at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's
Salon Rooms.
3 p.m.—Auction of the Sainte Eulanie
Bazaar at City Hall.
4 p.m.—Preliminary Hests for Victoria
Regatta.

FRIDAY, December 10:—
11 a.m.—Auction of 26 cases Arrack in
F. Godwin, Bowington.
2.15 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture at 2, Seaview Terrace, Quarry
Bay.

SATURDAY, December 11:—
1 p.m.—Victoria Regatta.

TUESDAY, December 13:—
8 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Recreation
Club in the Club Gymnasium.

SATURDAY, December 18:—
1 p.m.—H.K.A.A.A. Sports Meeting,
Kowloon Track.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1909.

BRITISH POLITICS.

This political campaign upon which
the British Isles are just entering
promises to be one of great and ab-
sorbing interest. To many people we
seem to have come to a parting of the
ways, and whichever direction the
nation takes will be fraught with
momentous issues for many decades to
come. Of course the Government and
their supporters will make all the
capital they can out of the recent
action of the House of Lords in veto-
ing the Finance Bill, but we imagine
that before the storm of the General
Election subsides many other issues
more pertinent than this will come to
the front. For the country will never
be able to conduct its affairs without
some second chamber or other which
shall exercise a revising and control-
ling influence upon the Lower Cham-
ber immediately elected by the people.
The House of Lords will remain,
though the sooner it is reformed in
various directions the better. The
hereditary principle of membership,
for instance, should be abolished and
the Scottish and Irish plans of repre-
sentative peers should be extended to
the peerages which belong to the

United Kingdom. With the Duke
selecting a certain number of their
order, the Marquises, the Viscounts
and the Barons doing the same in
their degrees, with certain Lords
directly nominated by the Crown by
reason of eminence and public worth
for life membership; with certain of
the Bishops, Judges, Admirals, Gen-
erals and Colonial Governors entitled by
virtue of their office on past occasions
to seats in the Upper Chamber, and
with representatives sent by the prin-
cipal Dominions and Commonwealths
ranged under the British Crown, we
should have an ideal Senate for the
Empire which would prove of the
highest possible service. Indeed, we
should not be surprised if some such
scheme is eventually adopted, though
naturally it will take some time to
come to fruition, for we are an
ancient land where custom slowly
solidifies into law, and precedent is
heaped upon precedent ere we finally
determine upon what is due and proper
in the manner of our goings forth and
our comings in.

But the real and vital issue which
the British electors have to face to-day
is not a reformed House of Lords, but
a reformed fiscal system. Can we go
on increasing our Navy, paying out Old
Age Pensions, extending the ramifica-
tions of the Civil Service with our pre-
sent system of raising revenue? That
is the question. The whole trend of
modern legislation is to increase expen-
diture and so far we have been able
to provide the money. But the shoe
now pinches. How are we to find re-
lief? Mr. Lloyd George and his
school of thinkers are prepared to
follow the lines laid down by Cobden
and the old Manchester theorists in re-
gard to maintaining the principle of
Free Trade, and would raise the money
required for the due administration of
the country by increased taxes on
land and property. Opposed to them
is now a very considerable party,
headed by the Chamberlains, who con-
tend that the time has come for us to
drop Free Trade and to go in for Tariff
Reform. When Cobden forced his
views to the front he and his fellow-
thinkers were fully persuaded that they
had found the road to Paradise and
that the rest of the nations of the
world, seeing the blessings accruing to
Great Britain, would soon follow in her
track. But their arguments, in the
light of subsequent history, have proved
most fallacious. Glance where we find
outside Great Britain, and we find
every nation firmly entrenched behind
tariff walls of more or less magnitude,
and who will say that they are not
quite right in maintaining that atti-
tude? Circumstances were pecu-
liarly favourable for England when she
started on her career as a Free Trader,
but the course of the last fifty years
has completely changed them. The
vast industrial empire of Germany, the
ever-expanding industrialism of the
United States, are factors that did not
enter into the count in the days of Sir
Robert Peel. To-day we have been
shorn, one by one, of the advantages we
held then, and now we stand entirely
at the mercy of a world that has little
love for us or our ways. The tide of
pauperism is again steadily rising, and
to-day one man in every thirty-seven
in the United Kingdom is a pauper,
while in London the proportion is one
in thirty-two. Figures like these give
one cause to pause and ask if the times
are not crying out for some drastic
remedy. The coming general elections
may not solve the problem, but un-
doubtedly the country will be forced
to look into the pros and cons more
seriously than it has ever done before.
If disaster is not to be averted within
the next decade.

Under the auspices of the Hongkong
United Service Institution a lecture,
entitled "The Chinese Army," will be
delivered by Lieut. J. de L. Simonds,
R.G.A., on Friday, 10th December, at 5.45
p.m. at the Volunteer Drill Hall. His
Excellency the Governor has kindly con-
sented to take the chair.

Nine gamblers were fined \$2 each at the
Magistrate's court today while a native, for steal-
ing an umbrella from the a.s. Hourdin was
sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment with
hard labour. Three rickshaw coolies and
one shop coolie were fined \$2 each for
fighting. David Rankin, on unemployed
ship's officer, was fined \$5 for being drunk
in Peddar Street.

Following up their previous successes,
the R. E. Pionis Club had a trip to Pionis
Bay on Saturday afternoon. A large num-
ber of members and their friends took
advantage of the opportunity and a very
enjoyable afternoon was spent. The out-
ward voyage was enlivened considerably by
a "Ditto" competition and the suc-
cessful competitors were—S. S. Hyman,
A. S. C.—"Royal Engineer" ditto "Re-
solutions Everlasting"; S. S. Starling, R.
E.—"Pionis Bay," ditto "Ponderous
Boulders"; S. S. Giddy, R. E.—"Pionis
Club," ditto "Pleasure Certain"; S. S.
Trinton, R. E.—"Miner Sold," ditto
"Melancholy Sacrifice." Arriving at the
destination time was found to fully ex-
plore the beauties of the place, and the "pho-
to-fends" had ample opportunity to take a
few "snaps."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Station leave of absence has been granted
to Captain S. L. P. Barker, 2nd Bn.
The Buffs, from 20th to 30th December.

Superannuated Lieutenant David Par-
cival, R.G.A., is restored to the establish-
ment, vice C. H. Reynolds, appointed to
the Hongkong-Singapore Battalion.

His Excellency General Sir J. Machado
leaves by the a.s. Nippon Maru on Friday
for Peking via Shanghai. It is understood
that His Excellency will confer with the
Wai-wai-pu with regard to the Macao
boundary delimitation question.

THE RICE CONTRACT CASE.

Interesting Contentions.

Before the Acting Chief Justice (Hon.
Mr. V. R. Davies, K.C.), at the Supreme
Court to-day, the case was further contin-
ued in which the Hang Sing Firm sued
Messrs W. R. Loxley and Co. to recover the
sum of \$4,274, being balance due for
rice sold and delivered, while the defendants
counter-claimed \$3,727.44, for breach by
the plaintiffs of the terms of their contract.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. R.
A. Harding, appeared for the plaintiffs,
while defendants were represented by Mr.
M. W. Slade, who was instructed by Mr.
J. B. L. Bowley (of Messrs Denny and
Bowley).

Mr. Slade was proceeding to indicate in
detail the shipments of rice under the
contract, when

His Lordship enquired whether Mr.
Potter admitted that the number of bags
was correctly set forth in the schedule.

Mr. Potter—Yes, my Lord, subject to
proof that this was the actual rice received
in South Africa. I will accept the shipment.

His Lordship—And this schedule applies
to all the rice both in respect to the claim
and the counter-claim?

Mr. Slade—Yes, my Lord.

Mr. Potter—All I am concerned with is
that my friend should identify the rice re-
ceived on board here as the rice received in
South Africa.

Mr. Slade—Do you admit the transship-
ments? We have all the bills of lading.

Mr. Potter—That is the whole point. I
certainly do not. You want me to admit
the transshipments, and then you will say
that it was all right up to Durban it was
all right up to Port Elizabeth.

Mr. Slade—If it was all right on board
ship it was all right at Durban.

Mr. Potter—Not at all.

Mr. Slade—My friend is apparently con-
tending that the rice was shifted on the
route.

Mr. Potter—No I am not.

Mr. Slade—Do you admit the marks on
the bags?

Mr. Potter—We admit that a Chinaman
put some stencil marks on the bags, but
we do not admit knowledge of what the
marks were.

Mr. Slade—What blissful ignorance.

Mr. Potter—You may call it blissful
ignorance or anything else.

Mr. Slade—Blissful ignorance, we will
call it.

Mr. Potter—Substantially any other ad-
vice you like, it is quite immaterial.

Later in the hearing, Mr. Slade produced
some samples of rice, and asked—Do
you want to smell it? Mr. Potter?

Mr. Potter—I want to have all the sam-
ples put in.

The samples were then put in and the
case proceeded, being adjourned adjourn-
ed. It will probably last several days yet.

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from Vancouver under the command of
Captain J. Boyd, experienced very heavy
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THE COMING VISIT OF
AMERICANS.

Detailed Plans.

The time when Hongkong will be visited
by a body of American tourists num-
bering between 300 and 400 is rapidly ap-
proaching. They are due here by the a.s.
Cleveland (18,000 tons) on December 23rd
at one o'clock. As is known, the party is
making a round-the-world tour, and the
boat will be stopping here for three days,
during which time the visitors will see all
that is worth seeing in Hongkong, as well
as at Canton.

Most elaborate and detailed arrange-
ments have already been made for the
convenience of the tourists, thanks
largely to the energy and foresight
of Mr. W. Farmer, who is the sole agent of
those in charge of the cruise.

The visitors are divided into five parties,
two of which, consisting of 330 persons,
will land promptly on the arrival of the
steamer. They will come ashore at Blake
Pier and then leave at once on ten special
trams for a 25-mile trip, which will take
between 24 and 3 hours. First they will go
to the Kennedy Town terminus, then to
Happy Valley, where a short stop will be
made, then to Shaukiwan, and from
thence back to the Hongkong Hotel.

There will be a guide on each car to
explain and point out the different points
of interest en route. The three other parties
will land at 2 p.m. and will be taken
in six blocks by rickshaws to Peak Tram Sta-
tion, where special trams will take the
passengers to the Peak for a grand view of
the city and harbour. They will return by
train between 3.30 and 6 p.m., and will
then be transferred in five blocks to the
Hongkong Hotel or Blake Pier. Passen-
gers can embark at their convenience, as
transfers will run to and from the Cleveland
until midnight.

The same night the first batch of 24
persons will proceed to Canton by the a.s.
Fashan, while early the following morning
a specially chartered river steamer will
come alongside the Cleveland and take
200 more to Canton to see the sights.
Seventy more leave by the a.s. Hongkong
at 7.15 a.m., and 38 more at 9 p.m. The
remaining 386 will have a special tram trip
in Hongkong in the morning and will be
free to go where they choose after lunch.

On Christmas day a batch of 200 will
leave at 6 a.m. for Canton, while those
who visited Canton on the previous day
will finish the sights of Hongkong, having
independent action in the forenoon and
visiting the Peak later in the day.

On December 25th those who have not
visited the Peak will do so, and the whole
party will leave at 11 a.m. that day, when
the Cleveland steams out of harbour.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

CANTON, Dec. 4.

MILITARY AFFAIRS.
A short railway to be constructed just
outside the East Gate, reaching to In
Tong, where the quarters of the newly
trained soldiers are situated. The object
of the line is to facilitate the removal of
wounds, etc., to the camp and to allow the
soldiers a easier access to Canton. The
Pun Yit Magistrate has been ordered to
buy up the land required as soon as pos-
sible so that the line may be begun without
delay. Desertions from the ranks of the
newly trained troops are numerous and to
effect arrests a search despatcher the detective
force has been greatly increased. Most of
the absconders try to get away by means
of the railway and the detectives complain
that very often the railway officials will
not let them come into the stations as they
have no uniform to show that they are on
police service. To do away with this each
despatcher will be furnished with a kind
of passport which will ensure his entry
to all railway stations on presentation.

JAPANESE CONSUL ON TOUR.
The Japanese Consul at Canton has ap-
plied for a passport for himself, secretaries
and servants as he intends to make a tour
to various places in the two Kwongs. He
also has requested the protecting power of
Canton to issue him a passport for which
he intends to go and the Viceroy has ac-
cided to his wishes in all respects.

SALT.
Several wealthy Straits Chinese are try-
ing to corner the Kwongtung salt-market.
They have commenced operations by offer-
ing the Government a sum of \$2,000,000
(though this is probably an exaggeration)
a year in lieu of the salt tax and they in-
tend to monopolize the salt trade in an
absolute monopoly. The chief salt merchants
are somewhat perturbed by this news and
have convened a meeting at which the
Salt Commissioner has been invited to be
present.

MURDER.
A terrible case of murder is reported
from Shaukiwan in the Tung Kwon dis-
trict. Five guests, looking very well to
do, arrived at a boarding house called Tai
Loy and were accommodated with rooms.
The next morning the whole of the five
were found to be murdered and the bodies
lying in various positions. The bodies had
been evidently tampered with and it was
found that the murderer had been in the
house for some time before the murder was
committed. It was thought that he might
have come from Canton, as the authorities
here have been communicated with and all
junks arriving are being searched by the police.
Up to the time of writing the murderer is still
at large.

THEATICAL TROUBLES.
A large building was lately erected at
Yim Po, in the Nam-Hoi district, for the
purpose of exhibiting theatrical perfor-
mances. As the advent of theatrical troupes
in country places is nearly always a signal
for the appearance of bandits and profes-
sional gamblers, the local magistrate or-
dered the shed to be pulled down and the
troupe to depart. No one obeyed his
orders and the troupe sent back a somewhat
insolent message, pointing out that per-
formances were being given in other places
and advising the magistrate to "live and
let live." The official then sent a
number of troops and forcibly pulled
down the shed. The villagers are highly
incensed and it is feared that trouble will
ensue.

BORING A SAILOR.
The bandits of the Kowloon Prefecture
seem to have made up their minds that the
barracks for the newly-trained soldiers shall
never reach completion. Sometimes ago I
reported that these rascals had made a
raid on the building which was under con-
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NEW AMERICAN MINIS-
TEE TO CHINA.

MR. CRANE'S SUCCESSION.

(From our Own Correspondent.)
LONDON, December 7.

Mr. William Calhoun has accepted the
post of American Minister to Peking, in
succession to Mr. Crane, who, it will be
remembered, had his appointment can-
celled just as he was leaving for
Peking.

(Reuters Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, December 7.

A message from Washington states
that Mr. Calhoun, an eminent lawyer,
has accepted the post of American
Minister to China.

THE COMING ELECTION.

LIBERALS HOPEFUL.

(Reuters Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, December 6.

Election preparations are being
rapidly completed by both sides.
The Liberal newspapers say that
the Trafalgar Square demonstration
was a most hopeful indication of the
extent to which the country has been
aroused by the action of the Lords.

THE CHINESE NAVAL
COMMISSIONERS.

(Reuters Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 7.

The Chinese Naval Commissioners,
headed by Prince Hsun, have inspected
the Elswick works.

AUSTRALIA'S NAVY.

LOAN BILL PASSED.

(Reuters Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, December 6.

A message from Melbourne states that
the Naval Loan Bill, which provides for
the raising of £3,500,000, has passed
both Houses.

SOMALILAND.

FEARS OF TROUBLE.

(Reuters Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, December 6.

Reuters' correspondent at Aden
learns that there are indications of
trouble in Somaliland, where the
friendly natives have again been at-
tacked by hostile tribes.

DISTRUST OF DALAI
LAMA.

(Wah Tin Yee Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 6.

H. E. Chao Erh-fang has telegraphed
that the Dalai Lama has concluded a
secret treaty with a certain foreign coun-
try, and has asked for instructions.

MACAO DELIMITATION.

CHINESE COLLECTING
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WANCHAI WESLEYAN CHURCH.

Missionary Anniversary.

The anniversary commenced on Saturday night in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home with a prayer meeting. On Sunday morning the Rev. T. W. Scholes, M.A., preached, and at night the Rev. Webb Anderson, M.D., of Fatsan, preached on "The Unsearchable riches of Christ." There were considerably over 300 persons in the Church and it was an inspiring service. Some 180 sat down to tea in the Church last evening, and this was followed by the annual meeting. There were about 200 persons present. Mr. J. C. Joughin took the chair.

After the Rev. T. W. Scholes had led the meeting in prayer, the Rev. J. A. A. Baker gave an outline of the growth of the work carried on by the Wesleyan Missionary Society for the past 96 years. The Methodist Churches in Canada and Australia, which are among the first in point of numbers and influence in these Colonies, were started by missionaries of this Society; now they are self-supporting and have missions of their own. At present the Society has 331 missionaries working in all parts of the world, the success in the foreign field has turned the increase in Church members in Great Britain into an increase. At Wanchai the missionary spirit is very strong. The "Foreign Field" (the monthly missionary publication of the Society), which is sold with an inset containing 6 pages of printed matter recording the doings of the Church and the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, has, through the efforts of Mr. Makham, a circulation of 100 monthly, a large number of these being taken by sailors and soldiers.

The Chairman, Mr. Joughin, then gave an address. He said that before he came to Hongkong he was strongly prejudiced against missionaries, and he had formed his opinions from reading men. He had found that most of these men had scarcely ever been off the sea front and had picked up and believed almost any idle story that was circulated. How easy it was to come to China and see practically nothing of missionaries and their work! He had been to North China and wherever he went he tried to find out the truth about missionaries and their work. He had seen enough in Hankow alone to convince him of the good work that was being done. Mr. Joughin then gave an address in which he addressed Dr. Ross's work in Wanchai and that of Dr. Anderson's in Fatsan which had made him a strong believer in the work. As this was the last occasion he might have to say that the time he has been associated with Wanchai Church had been one of great joy; if it were not for the strength and help he had received at the services there in times of temptation and trial he would not have returned to England. He had found that the best to break down the prejudice that existed in many parts against missionary work and to help it forward—it was a strong and outspoken utterance and was listened to with close attention and appreciation.

The Rev. Webb Anderson, M.D., who has charge of the large hospital in Fatsan, then addressed the meeting. He said that foreign missionary enterprise was vital to the success of any Church. Lord Curzon had written that the greatest of the single texts from the preaching of the Gospel of the Faith as a basis of movement against all other faiths is to be condemned. Dr. Anderson pointed out forcibly that to imagine that missionary work is done simply because our Lord said "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel" is a mistake. Our defence of our work was not simply that our Lord had given a command. The whole genius of the New Testament is such that the Church established by Jesus Christ is bound to be world-wide in its operations. He said that Church history indicated the policy of mission work for whenever a Church put foreign thought in the front that Church succeeded and its life at home was vigorous. Their object was not to make Methodists but simply to make devoted followers of Jesus Christ. The work was not easy, and to do it they wanted the most brilliant men they could get and men full of passion for the labour. The doctors then went on to picture to the audience the way the work was done, bringing many illustrations, some of them very humorous, but they all shed light on the main truths he brought home to the hearts of his hearers. He showed the difficulty and discouragement that attended preaching, such as when one has been preaching with all one's heart and soul and sometimes the only result seemed a comment on the preacher: "What right trousers he wears!" He advocated self-supporting hospitals and then passed on to show the need of educational work. China believed to-day that if she were educated she would be saved. Her education was undermining her belief in idols. We have an unparalleled opportunity to influence her at the present time; the danger was that in giving the Chinese Universities we should simply give them great power without giving them character. There was the need of Christian teaching. A free address was brought to a close by an earnest appeal for consecration to this great work.

If large congregations, enthusiastic, good collections and good speaking can make a successful anniversary, then Wanchai Church has had a very successful one this year. The total collections etc., for foreign missions is nearly \$70.—Communicated.

"THE MERRYMAKERS."

Under the direction of Mr. Leonard Davis the Merry-makers made their first appearance at Hongkong on Monday evening when they completed the boards at the Theatre Royal. The programme opened with a spirited rendering of "Coming thro' the Rye" by Miss Alice Hope, who was encored. The musical themes were distinctly good and scored a great success by their talented performance on a number of musical instruments. As an equilibrium, Zeno is truly marvellous and his feats were deservedly applauded. Mr. Harry Linden was twice encored for his amusing rendering of "Sing me to sleep." There will be complete change of programme on Wednesday and Friday evenings, while Saturday evening will be devoted to a farewell night.

SPORTING.

Hongkong A.A.A. Meeting.

The Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association's annual sports are to take place at Kowloon on Saturday, December 18th. There are eight events on the programme, and as five of these—the high jump, long jump, 150 yards hurdles, half mile, and one mile—are to decide the championships for 1909, some really snappy should be seen. Especially should this be so now that the running will be over the splendid cinder track available. Some record times will probably be made. It is hoped that the meeting will be largely patronised by local sportsmen.

Polo.

The first round of the Quarterly Tournament ended in the Buffs beating the Club Team after a good game by 1 to nil. The teams were as follows:—
Buffs:—Lt. Potter, Lt. Green, Lt. Crookenden, Major Eaton.
Club:—Lt. Davidson, Commodore Lyon, Capt. Bell, R.E., Capt. Benethote.

The next round will be played on Wednesday at 4.15 p.m. between the Buffs and the 13th Rajputs; and Civilians v. R.A.

Lawn Bowls Championship.

The competition for the lawn bowls championship of the Colony is rapidly drawing to a close. The latest result is the defeat of W. Russell (Kowloon) by A. Blowsy (Civil Service), which was contested last night on the Police Ground. Russell, who is regarded as one of the best and most consistent players in the Colony, made a bold bid for victory after a poor start. At one time the score was 15 to 5 against him, but then he crept up gradually until the score was 19 to 18 in favour of the Civil Service man. In the last end Russell lay two and looked like winning, but a fast, straight shot from his opponent displaced both woods and gave Blowsy one point and game. It was a fine contest, always full of interest. Blowsy now qualifies for the semi-final.

CORRESPONDENCE.

AN EFFECTUAL COMPLAINT.

(To the Editor of "THE CHINA MAIL.")
DEAR SIR,—I am greatly indebted to the China Mail, and I feel confident that the residents of Robinson Road also are, for your insertion of my letter last evening complaining of the neglect of the contractor in watering the thoroughfare during this dry season. The appearance of the correspondence in your paper has had the desired effect, for already the road has been watered—it was done early this morning.

I am told that the surveying contractor has already netted a clear profit of between \$20,000 and \$30,000 on a capital of about \$4,000 on his triennial contract (expiring at the end of the current month) with the Sanitary Department. How much the watering contractor has made on his contract would be interesting to know.

Retrenchment by the Sanitary Department without making provision for special European officers to see to the carrying out of the duties by the various contractors is false economy, and if no such provision has been made, the result is only to put money into the pockets of contractors at the expense of sanitation.

Contractors must probably have keener ears and sharper eyes than the members of the Sanitary Board, for no sooner had the complaint appeared in your newspaper than the water was turned on. This case affords food for consideration by the energetic unofficial members at present serving on the Sanitary Board.—Yours faithfully,
A. RATEPAYER.

DISASTROUS FIRES AT CANTON.

Much Property Destroyed.

Within the last two days, writes our Canton correspondent under date, there have been no less than four great fires at Canton. The first broke out in a medicine store just inside the Ng Lin Moon. Over six buildings were totally destroyed, and the flames even forced their way through the Great Gate. There was much consternation in the locality and for a time it was feared that the whole district was in imminent danger of destruction. The cause of the fire is said to be due to a man sleeping with a lamp inside his mosquito net. The lamp fell over and ignited the curtains and thus started the blaze.

On the same day a fire broke out in a grocer's shop at Shap Tak Po and in a very short time eleven houses were in ruins.

The third conflagration occurred early on the following day in a shop near the Yau Lan Gate. The flames spread with amazing rapidity and no less than three houses were totally destroyed and it is feared that many persons have lost their lives. On the evening of the same day a pawnshop called "Wing Cheung" was found to be ablaze but this was quickly put out and only the goods in two or three storerooms were destroyed.

The superstitious folk of the city are attributing these disasters to the fact that the illuminations in honour of the Fire God have been greatly curtailed by the police this year. On the other hand, there are not wanting those who attribute the fires to arson; many of these buildings are insured and the New Year is approaching. The real cause is doubtless the utter carelessness which the Chinese exhibit in the use of oil lamps. They rarely clean the lamps and in many instances the flames turn the wicks so high that smoke and flames issue from the chimneys. Often naked flames are burning near bed curtains and other inflammable material, and this, in conjunction with the constant burning of low paper and candles, accounts for the great majority of the fires.

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THE LURE OF THE UNKNOWN.

A Book of Notable Adventures.

The Heart of the Antarctic, being the story of the British Antarctic Expedition 1907-1908, by E. H. Shackleton, C.V.O. (with an introduction by Hugh Robert Mill, D. Sc.), an account of the first journey to the South Magnetic Pole by Professor T. W. Edgeworth David, F.R.S., London, Mr. Wm. Heinemann, 21, Bedford Square. Price, 30 shillings net. Two vols.

These very handsomely produced crown quarto volumes, with their wealth of coloured plates, photographs and sketches, illustrating the adventures of Mr. E. H. Shackleton and his companions in their quest of the South Pole will undoubtedly be "the book" of the autumn publishing season. For they tell a tale of heroic endurance most cheerfully borne amid peculiarly arduous conditions in the interests of one of the noblest ambitions that can stir the heart of man. And we find with what many a British lad might have the mere delight of finding the book among his Christmas Gifts, for a more heroic saga has seldom been written by descendants of the Northmen whose ships were the very first to brave the rigours of the icy regions.

"Men go into the void spaces of the world for various reasons," says Mr. Shackleton in his opening chapter. "Some are actuated simply by a love of adventure, some have the keen thirst for scientific knowledge, and others again are drawn away from the trodden paths by 'the lure of little voices,' the mysterious fascination of these factors which took Shackleton back to the Antarctic, for although he had been in the land before the conclusion of the Discovery expedition, he had a very keen desire to see more of the vast continent that lies stark and grim amid the Antarctic snows and glaciers.

Exploration of the Southern polar regions really began with the second voyage of Capt. Cook, the circumnavigator, who between 1773 and 1775 reached 71° 10' South, or 1,130 miles from the Pole. In 1819 a Russian government expedition was sent there, but accomplished very little, and this was followed by private enterprises of London merchants, American sailing captains, French and American naval officers and others, all of whom brought back some further knowledge of the inhospitable, wind-swept regions. In 1841 Capt. Ross and Capt. Crozier, in the Erebus and Terror, made their famous attempt at solving the Antarctic mystery, discovering the two volcanoes, one extinct, the other very active—which are named after their ships, and penetrating to 78° 4' South. A year later the same expedition, returning to the frozen seas, made 78° 11' or 710 miles of the Pole. In 1875 H. M. S. Challenger, on her famous voyage of scientific investigation, made a dash for the Antarctic circle, but being an unprotected vessel had to give up at 68° 40' S. Then a German expedition tried its luck, to be followed by a small squadron of Dundee whalers, bent on finding out whether the whale and seal industry was worth while. Next came the Norwegian expedition under Bjørnreke, in 1895, followed by the Belgians, under Lieut. de Gerlach, in 1898. The great expedition of the Discovery, in command of Capt. Scott, left Lyttelton in December, 1901, and they wintered four hundred miles further south than any man had wintered before. They reached, after incredible hardships, latitude 82° 17' South and then were forced to return. But they had accomplished much and added considerably to the scientific knowledge of the region traversed.

The present expedition organised by Mr. Shackleton was entirely a private affair in its inception, and not until he reached New Zealand was help of a financial nature forthcoming from any Government. Hence it will be understood that the great consideration weighing with him was that of economy and then to add to his troubles some of his backers had to cry off owing to the American financial panic. Yet perhaps this was not so very much a drawback. It made him so very more attentive to detail and enabled him in the end to know that nothing essential had been crowded out by superfluities of any kind. Of course it would have been easier to have been able to command more money, to have been in a position, for instance, to have purchased a more suitable vessel than the forty-year-old whaler Nimrod and so to have housed the scientific staff more comfortably. But the Nimrod served the purpose, with all her limitations, and will henceforth fill an honorable place in the history of polar exploration.

The success of such an Expedition as this depends greatly upon the care spent on the preliminary details, and in reading the narrative we can not help but come to the conclusion that its Commander was one of those born leaders of men to whom attention to detail comes as second nature. The care which he displayed in provisioning the ship and providing the necessary scientific outfit was likewise evinced in the manner in which he selected his staff—in everything he was a man who looked far ahead. Over four hundred applications reached him and in the end he gathered together a most harmonious band of fifteen devoted followers—this is not including the officers and crew of the Nimrod. The Nimrod was towed from Lyttelton to the lee-barricade in order to save coal, and the fortnight's voyage was anything but pleasant. She was deeply overladen and overcrowded, and within 24 hours of leaving New Zealand ran into bad weather. So much water was shipped that no-one on board had dry clothes for over a couple of days, while two of the Manchurian ponies succumbed to the rigours of the voyage. Arrived at the ice, the towing ship cast off and the Nimrod, having forced her way south to McMurdo Sound, Here, almost at the base of Mr. Erebus, they pitched winter quarters at Cape Royal, 20 miles further south than had the Discovery's men. A mid great Affliction they

loaded their stores and equipment, almost losing the major portion by the sudden breaking loose of the ice floe on which they had been temporarily placed; and even when the horses had been drawn up the cliff and hauled to the hut, a blizzard swept down, before they had been stowed away, and to this day the only case of beer which the expedition possessed lies buried deep under a ceiling of ice, for its whereabouts were never discovered. Eight Manchurian ponies were landed, but four soon killed themselves by inordinate eating of gravel which had been sprayed by seawater—there is much original sin in every China pony regarding the impossible things it likes to eat, as we in Hongkong know full well, but those which Shackleton took south were perfect demons so far as depraved appetites and sheer devilry are concerned. Still the four that survived served him well in his great dash to the Pole. The winter of 1908 was passed in active work around the hut, though before darkness finally set in, a small party managed to climb over eleven thousand feet to the top of Mount Erebus and examine its wonderful crater. This in itself was no mean feat, as all Alpine climbers will freely acknowledge. In the spring and early summer of 1908-9 three sledging parties left winter quarters; one went south and attained the most southerly latitude ever reached by man—latitude 88° 23' south, one hundred miles off the Pole; another reached the South Magnetic Pole for the first time, and a third surveyed the mountain ranges west of McMurdo Sound. The southern sledge party consisted of Mr. Shackleton, Mr. Adams, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Wild. After very careful calculations they provided rations to the extent of 34 oz. of food per man per day. These, along with scientific instruments, extra clothes, tents, etc., were packed on four sledges drawn by four Manchurian ponies. One by one the ponies succumbed to the hardships of the journey, three were shot, the other disappeared down an enormous crevasse on the biggest glacier ever traversed by mortal man, and was never seen again. This was a great loss, for the little party had calculated on eating its flesh to eke out their provisions, and so they suffered very considerably from hunger as the journey came to an end. We have not space to give details of that wonderful dash to the south, of the terrible sufferings of the party, of the marvellous things they saw in almost lifeless land, of the wearisome climb upon a never-ending glacier to lofty wind-devastated plateau, over 11,000 feet high, on which the South Pole will eventually be found, but we recommended our readers to get the book and read the story for themselves. From start to finish they were in peril; on the glacier from the crevasses and ice ridges; on the plateau from insufficient clothing and lack of food; on the return flight from dysentery brought on through eating the meat from the last pony that was shot—the poor animal was slaughtered when he had come to its last gasp, and the torments of extreme fatigue undoubtedly decided the issue. But the party won through in the end—though by the narrowest of margins, and they will carry their scars till death.

They started on October 28, 1908, and it was not till February 23 in the following year that Shackleton and Wild reached the winter quarters, only to find them deserted. It is interesting to note that on this terrible journey four little books were carried to relieve the tedium while sheltering from blizzards. Shackleton had Shakespeare's Comedies, Marshall had Borrow's "The Bible in Spain," Adams had Young's "Travels in France" and Wild "Sketches by Box." If any of them ever attempt a similar journey again they will load up more sticks of chocolate in the place of cheese; otherwise the lesson of Antarctic diet has been learned, the only thing is to increase the quantity. They were always hungry and to while away the time begged each other with descriptions of the feasts they would indulge in should they ever return alive. Snow blindness also afflicted them very seriously, despite all precautions, while owing to their abandoning at one depot all their superfluous clothing to spare fatigue when they reached the high plateau they were insufficiently clad. It will be noted that the motor car from which so much was expected hardly figures at all in the dash to the Pole. The machine was of use in making short dashes from the winter quarters to the snow of the Barrier proving an almost insuperable obstacle. The other expeditions were also full of dangerous adventures, for Death looked into the faces of the men more than once. Even at the last there was a possibility of a great disaster, for Shackleton's southern party were so late in returning to their base that they had been given up for lost, and the Nimrod was thinking of returning to civilization and organizing a relief expedition later to search for them, when Shackleton and one companion, the other two were lost in a camp a day behind—made the last and attracted the ship's attention; while David's party which found magnetic Pole were also late and narrowly missed being rescued. We have not space for a description of the scientific results of the expedition; they were many and important, but we imagine that it will be the human part of the story which will make most appeal to the general reading public—and this is told in plain, unvarnished words by the leader, who writes of his own: "I owe to me a debt of gratitude that I can hardly find words to express. I realise very fully that without their faithful service and loyal co-operation under conditions of extreme difficulty success in any part of our work would have been impossible."

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SUB-DIVISIONS IN THE COLONIAL CEMETERY.

Correspondence was submitted at a meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon relative to the sub-divisions in the Colonial Cemetery.

Mr. A. Shelton Hooper minutes—I think civil servants should be treated as ordinary residents and no distinction made.

Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt—I think the naval and military authorities should have their own sections as new arrivals often like to visit and care for the graves of their late comrades. I do not know whether there is any special demand for a children's section; in the past there should be no distinction except as far as people, even in death, are divided by their religious convictions. This is met by providing each denomination with its own cemetery.

Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones—Section 11 states what the sub-divisions are to be; the only question before the Board is whether the area suggested for such sub-divisions should be approved.

The President—I agree with the Director of Public Works, the sections have already been apportioned. The only question is what portion of the cemetery shall be allotted to each section.

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SUB-DIVISIONS IN THE COLONIAL CEMETERY.

Correspondence was submitted at a meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon relative to the sub-divisions in the Colonial Cemetery.

Mr. A. Shelton Hooper minutes—I think civil servants should be treated as ordinary residents and no distinction made.

Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt—I think the naval and military authorities should have their own sections as new arrivals often like to visit and care for the graves of their late comrades. I do not know whether there is any special demand for a children's section; in the past there should be no distinction except as far as people, even in death, are divided by their religious convictions. This is met by providing each denomination with its own cemetery.

Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones—Section 11 states what the sub-divisions are to be; the only question before the Board is whether the area suggested for such sub-divisions should be approved.

The President—I agree with the Director of Public Works, the sections have already been apportioned. The only question is what portion of the cemetery shall be allotted to each section.

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Colombo	Hongkong	Marseilles & London	Brindisi	1 day later
Steamer	Tons	Steamer	Tons	
ARGADIA 7000	Feb. 19	MARTHA 1000	March 5	March 11
DELTA 8000	March 3	MAIWA 11000	April 12	March 26
MAHENDRA 10000	March 19	(Through steamer calling at Bombay)	April 16	April 22
DEVANHA 8000	April 9	MONGOLIA 10000	April 30	May 6
ASSAY 7000	April 16	MARMOIRA 10000	May 14	May 20
DELTA 8000	April 30	MOREA 11000	May 28	June 3
DELTA 8000	May 14	MOULTAN 10000	June 12	June 18

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said. Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is definitely reserved in Hongkong or at time of booking. Fares to London (including Suez): 1st Saloon, £27.10 Single, £106.14 Return; 2nd, £14.88, £72.12. For further particulars apply to E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

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HAIMUN	SWATOW	WEDNESDAY, 8th Dec., at 10 a.m.
HAITAN	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW	FRIDAY, 10th Dec., at 10 a.m.
HAIRANG	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW	TUESDAY, 14th Dec., at 10 a.m.

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Hongkong, November 17, 1909.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
GUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Amoy & Manila	FRIDAY, Dec. 10, at 5 p.m.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	SATURDAY, Dec. 18, at Noon.

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MAIL SCHEDULE. (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.)

STEAMER	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
EMPIRE	Nov. 18	8th Dec., at Noon
EASTERN	Dec. 14	8th Jan., at Noon
ALDENHAM	Jan. 11	2nd Feb., at Noon

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THE Steamship HIMALAYA, Captain L. E. S. SWIFT, R.N.R., carrying the Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., with Passengers and Mail, on SATURDAY, the 11th Dec., 1909, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's Steamship Magonia, 2,600 tons, from Colombo, Passengers accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

SUEZ and Vinalles, all Cargo for France, and for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the S.S. Himalaya, due in London on the 29th January, 1910.

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Hongkong, December 5, 1909.

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Hongkong, November 29, 1909.

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FOR LONDON & ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

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Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after TUESDAY, December 7th, 1909, at Noon, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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All cargo undelivered on TUESDAY, Dec. 14th, 1909, at noon, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be presented within 14 days of the date of arrival of the vessel, and will be examined at the above Company's Godowns on SATURDAY, Dec. 11th, 1909, at 10 A.M.

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Hongkong, December 6, 1909.

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Hongkong, April 14, 1909.

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All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, 17th December, at 3 p.m.

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Hongkong, December 8, 1909.

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Shanghai	2.30 p.m.	Wednesday	Friday

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